

IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE

**[RECALL 129: BRAKE VACUUM PUMP
SAMPLE OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER
UNITED STATES]**

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Dear Volvo Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The reason for this campaign:

Volvo Cars North America, LLC (Volvo) has decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2000 S40 and V40 vehicles. Under certain circumstances, water may enter the electrical brake vacuum pump, causing the pump to not function. This will require more brake force to stop the vehicle. However, this is primarily noticed at cold start. This limited braking power can affect the vehicle's stopping performance, increasing the risk of a crash.

The corrective action will be to replace the vacuum pump with a new pump of a modified design. This new pump will be placed in a new location to prevent water intrusion. This will be performed at no charge.

What you need to do:

Please call your authorized Volvo retailer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. This procedure will be completed at no cost and will take approximately 2 hours. Due to service scheduling, your Volvo retailer may require your vehicle for a longer period of time.

If you previously paid to have this corrective action performed, Volvo will honor your receipt with a refund. Please contact your Volvo retailer for details.

Please contact:

If you have any questions, please contact your Volvo retailer. If your retailer is unable to answer your questions, please contact Volvo Customer Care at 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647 or phone 1-800-458-1552, Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Eastern Time. You may also e-mail us at customercare@volvocars.com.

We have advised the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that we are conducting this recall. If you are unable to have this procedure performed without charge and within a reasonable period of time, you may contact the NHTSA Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. The address is 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. Lessor means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle title, of any five or more leased vehicles.

Your safety and continued satisfaction with your Volvo and the Volvo organization are very important to us. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we appreciate your cooperation in arranging to have this important service completed as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Eunice Stern
Manager, Customer Care

Please note: According to Insurance Institute for Highway Safety President Brian O'Neill, "It is very important that owners of vehicles in which safety-related problems have been identified take those vehicles back to dealerships as soon as they receive notice of a recall or service campaign. Such notices should not be ignored or taken lightly. There is just no reason to drive around in a vehicle with a safety-related defect."